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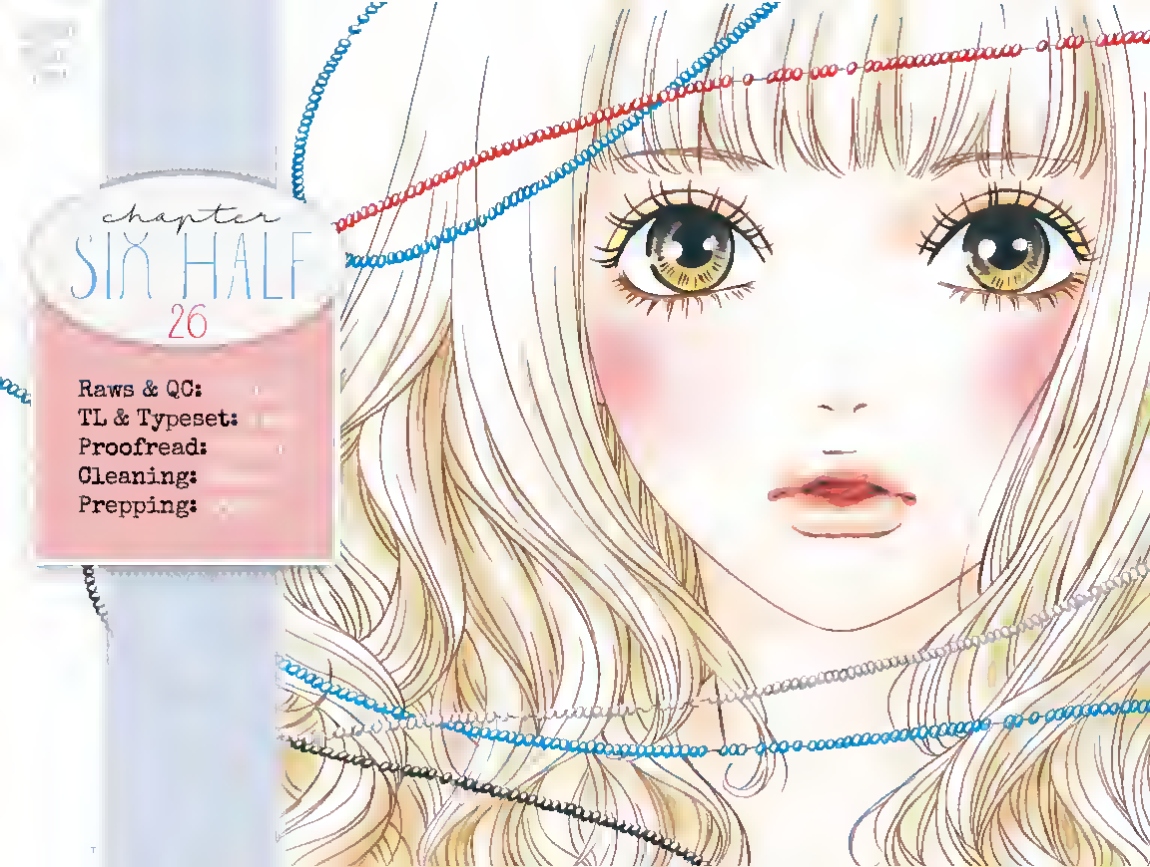

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CHAPTER 26

KAI...
...
HE LEFT...

These kind of thoughts won't go away
Will we really no longer be able to have lunch together or walk to school together?
But is our relationship really going to end like this?
He told me clearly that he doesn't want to see me anymore
No, I knew
But I guess it's over
HEY.
DOES THAT MEAN...
YOU DON'T LOVE YOUR BROTHER ANYMORE?

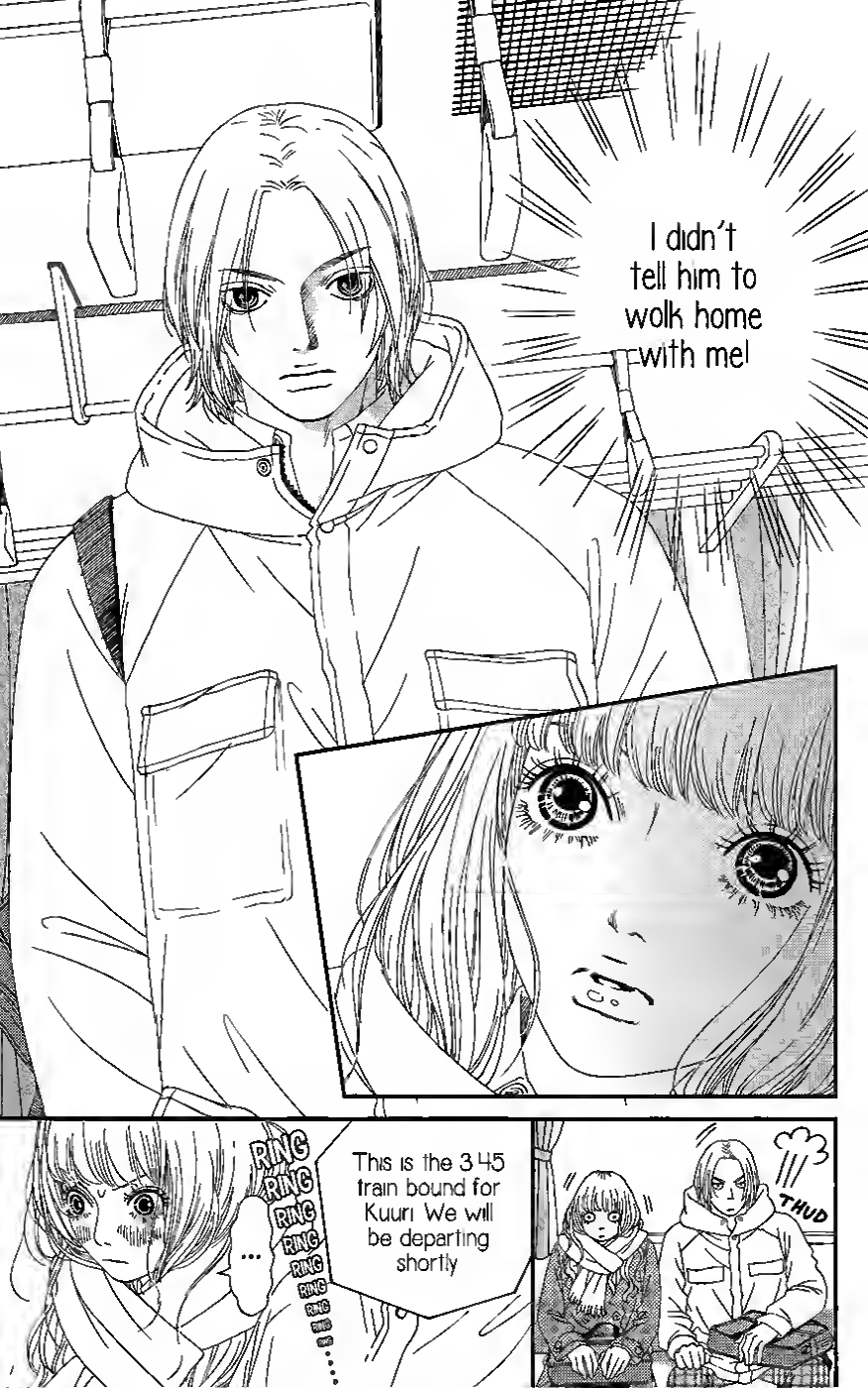
He--
He was behind me?!
THAT'S WHAT YOU MEANT
WHEN YOU SAID THAT EARLIER. RIGHT?
RATTLE...
AH... NO, I DO LOVE A-CHAN!
BUT...
WHEN ...
...I HAD JUST LOST MY MEMORIES, I REALLY COULDN'T TRUST ANYONE.
A-CHAN WAS THE ONLY PERSON I RELIED ON
AND I THOUGHT I WOULD DIE IF HE ABANDONED ME.

MY FEELINGS OF LOVE TOWARDS HIM AS A MAN WAS A PART OF IT TOO, I GUESS.
BUT...
AS I STARTED MAKING FRIENDS AND DOING THINGS THAT I WANTED TO DO,
THE FEELINGS THAT I HAVE TOWARDS A-CHAN
SLOWLY CHANGED
INTO FEELINGS OF GRATI-TUDE
AND GRATE-FULNESS THAT HE IS FAMILY.

WHY ARE YOU BACKING AWAY?
I DON'T KNOW...
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I TALKED TO YOU SO I THINK I'M NERVOUS...
IN ANY CASE,
THAT'S ...
WHAT I WANTED TO SAY TO YOU.

DING DONG
BING BONG
I UNDER-STAND..
...OHH.
OKAY.
I don't even know when we'll see each other again
I'm an idiot
I SHOULD GO.
CLASS IS GOING TO START SOON.
and I didn't tell him every-thing that I wanted to say
KAI.

I'M TAKING THE TRAIN LEAVING FOR KUURI AT 3:45 PM AFTER-SCHOOL TODAY.
KUURI
3710
HE'S NOT COMING... HE'S NOT COMING...
15:43
GASP


I didn't tell him to walk home with me!
RING RING RING RING RING RING RING...
...
This is the 3:45 train bound for Kuuri. We will be departing shortly
THUD

I want to tell Kai
kshunk
that I was surprised to find myself feeling lonely when I couldn't see him
kshunk
And I would look for him at school and on my way home
On New Year's day, I freaked out and mistook someone else for him
kshunk
kshunk
I would always think about him
kshunk...
kshunk
kshunk
...
kshunk

MAHO WIG

IT'LL LOOK LIKE THIS.

久羽里
KUURI STATION

We arrived at Kuuri so quickly!!

UGH...

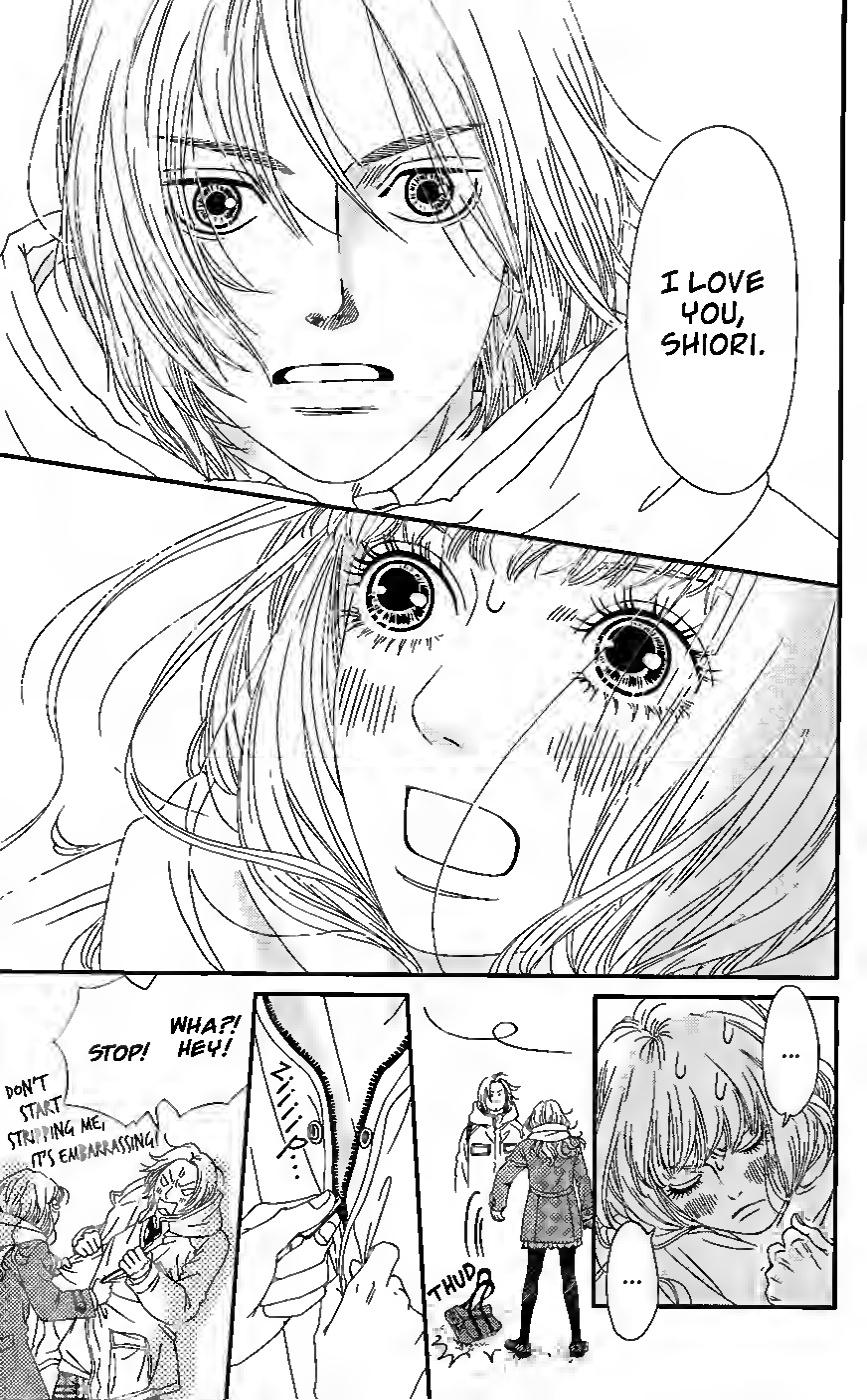
HUH?

WANNA GO TO THE BEACH?

THE BEACH.

"I couldn't see Kai"

...COLD !!!
WHOOOOSH...
SO COLD!
shiver
IT'S SO C-C-COLD AT THE B-BEACH! IT'S F-FREEZING TODAY!
I CAN'T STAY HERE ANY LONGER! IT'S SO COLD I'M GONNA DIE!
LET'S GO SOMEWHERE ELSE, LIKE A SHOP OR SOMETHING!
C'mon, c'mon!
I...
...GUESS I REALLY DO LIKE YOU, SHIORI.
YEAH.
I LIKE YOU A LOT.


I LOVE YOU, SHIORI.
...
...
THUD
Ziiiip...
WHA?! HEY!
STOP!
DON'T START STRIPPING ME! IT'S EMBARRASSING!

..YOU ALWAYS TELL ME THAT.
AND HERE I WAS, THINKING I'D BE THE ONE TO SAY IT TO YOU TODAY.

hug
OOH ...
SO WARM...
I...
...LOVE YOU, TOO.

I LOVE YOU, KAI.
MA-CHAN.
IT'S FINE THIS IS NOTHING.
There was a special sale today so we ended up buying too much
GIVE ME THE OTHER BAG.
IT'S HEAVY, ISN'T IT?
AH.
IT'S KAI.
THE WEATHER FORECAST WAS RIGHT.
MA-CHAN, LOOK! IT'S SNOWING!

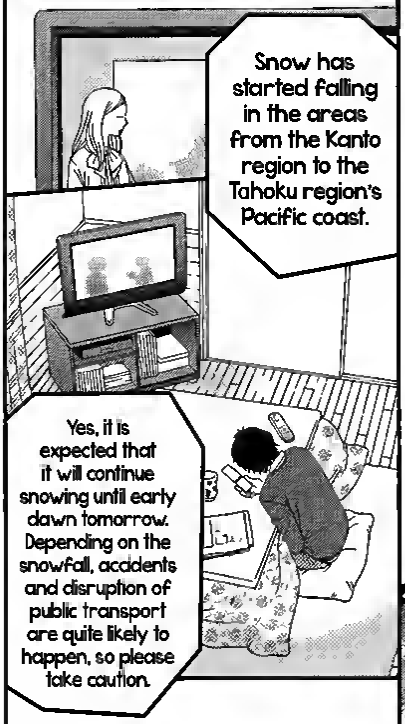
HM?
AH, YOU'RE RIGHT
KAI-KUUUN!
I THINK HE'S HUGGING SOMEONE.

GROSS! SUPER GROSS! DISGUSTING!
IT'S SHII-CHAN
... SHII-CHAN...
EW!
I FREAKIN' HATE BOYS.
IT'S NOT GROSS AT ALL.
It does feel embarrassing to watch through.

WHEN...
YOU LOST YOUR MEMORIES FROM THAT ACCIDENT,
I SERIOUSLY FELT DEPRESSED
ALL BECAUSE I LENT YOU MY BIKE,
EVERY-THING TURNED INTO A MESS.
NOT A DAY GOES BY THAT I DON'T FEEL TERRIBLE FOR IT
WHICH IS WHY...
..EVERY-THING RIGHT NOW..
FEELS LIKE A LIE...
AND LIKE, I FIND IT ALL HARD TO BELIEVE ...

kiss
HUH?!
...
.....

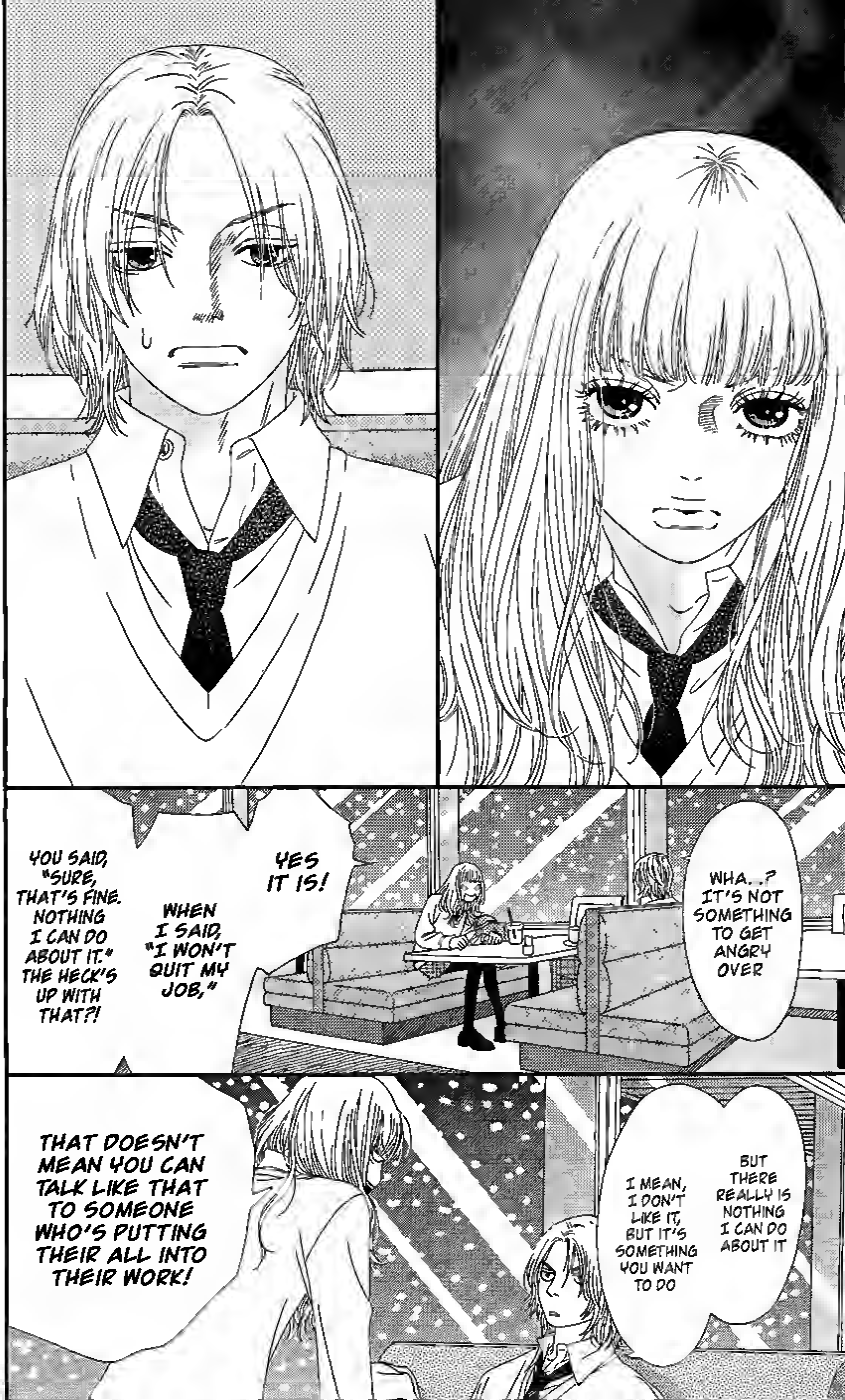
AHHH!!
WAIT! WAIT A SECOND!
WE'RE OUTSIDE!
AND DOING THAT OUT OF THE BLUE IS JUST, NO! IT'S EMBARRASSING...
JUST ONCE.


Snow has started falling in the areas from the Kanto region to the Tohoku region's Pacific coast.
Yes, it is expected that it will continue snowing until early dawn tomorrow. Depending on the snowfall, accidents and disruption of public transport are quite likely to happen, so please take caution.

From: Shii-chan

I'll grab dinner on my way home today. I'll be back by 10 so don't worry.

The snow in the inner city is five or so centimeters deep, but it's still not as deep as the snow we got in and after March last year...
To: Shii-chan
All right. It's freezing outside, so try not to catch a cold, okay?
Oh, and try not to slip on the snow.
There's nothing different from the norm here at Shinjuku station. But when we spoke to some people who are on their way home, many have expressed that they've decided not to do overtime today or have cancelled their drinking parties because of their concern with the train schedules being disrupted.
From: Shii-chan
Being in the snow is fun and it's all so pretty! But I'll be careful~~
...ALL RIGHT.
TIME TO MAKE DINNER.


WHA...? IT'S NOT SOMETHING TO GET ANGRY OVER
BUT THERE REALLY IS NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT
I MEAN, I DON'T LIKE IT, BUT IT'S SOMETHING YOU WANT TO DO
THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN TALK LIKE THAT TO SOMEONE WHO'S PUTTING THEIR ALL INTO THEIR WORK!
YES IT IS!
WHEN I SAID, "I WON'T QUIT MY JOB,"
YOU SAID, "SURE, THAT'S FINE. NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT." THE HECK'S UP WITH THAT?!

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO SAY, THEN, HUH?
"I'LL BE YOUR NUMBER ONE SUPPORTER," OR SOMETHING?
REEKS OF A LIE.
...
...
IT'S ALMOST TEN, SO I'M GOING HOME.

GET UNDER THE UMBRELLA
THERE'S ONLY ONE
ALSO, THIS IS YOURS
KUURI
YOU CAN HAVE IT!!
YOUR HOUSE IS THAT WAY, ISN'T IT?!
HEY.
BYE BYE! SEE YOU!
Damn it,
damn it,
damn it!

So why am I getting so upset over this?
If it was the usual me, I'd understand what Kai was saying.
Yeah, that's right. I wanted you to say that. I really want you to say that
"I'll be your number one supporter."

HEY.
NOW THAT WE'RE DATING,
COULD YOU PROMISE ME ONE THING?
DON'T CARRY FIGHTS OVER TO THE NEXT DAY.
..THEN,
I'M STUBBORN,
SO I PROBABLY WON'T APOLOGIZE, EVEN WHEN I'M THE ONE IN THE WRONG.
ALLOW ME TO MAKE A PROPOSAL.
HAVING THINGS STAY AWKWARD BETWEEN US FOR GOD KNOWS HOW LONG IS WORSE THAN HAVING A FIGHT

WHEN THAT HAPPENS,
IF I HOLD YOUR HAND AND SQUEEZE IT REAAAAAL HARD,
COULD YOU TAKE IT AS A SIGN OF ME ADMITTING THAT I'M SORRY?
...
SURE!

YOU ...!
YOU'RE DEFINITELY NOT ADMITTING THAT YOU'RE SORRY!
OW OW OW OW OW OW OW OW OW
SQUEEZE
...
HUGGING SOMEONE FEELS REALLY NICE.
...
I MEANT "HUGGING KAI."
AH, SORRY.

Ahhh
This is
great
I really
love Kai
Yup And I'm no
longer the little
sister who holds o
poinful, one-sided
love for her older
brother